
DIGEST

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HB No. 70

Abstract: Creates the Wards 4 and 6 Economic Development Board of Beauregard Parish and provides for the appointment, powers, and duties of the board.

Proposed law creates the Wards 4 and 6 Economic Development Board of Beauregard Parish to promote, encourage, and participate in economic development in the area.

Proposed law creates a seven-member board, the members of which shall serve staggered terms of four years. Appointments to the board are made as follows:

- (1) One member appointed by the La. state senator or senators who represent any part of the wards.
- (2) One member appointed by the La. state representative or representatives who represent any part of the wards.
- (3) One member appointed by the Beauregard Parish School Board member or members who represent any part of the wards.
- (4) Four members appointed by the parish governing authority by the member or members who represent any part of the wards.

Proposed law further states that board members shall serve without compensation. Any vacancy on the board shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Proposed law also provides that any board member may be removed by a majority vote of the board, but only for cause after written charges have been proffered against him and a public meeting has been held. Proposed law further provides that members may be reappointed, unless they have been removed for cause as provided in proposed law.

Proposed law also provides the powers and functions of the board:

- (1) Make recommendations and provide information about the following:
 - (a) Environment, industry, development, and the people of the area.
 - (b) Land use in the area.

- (c) Need for and proposed general location of commercial, mixed use, private, or public works and facilities.
- (2) Assist with or make studies or investigations of the resources and development of the area.
- (3) Prepare, maintain, and make available listings of resources and facilities in the area.
- (4) Foster public awareness of the board and its purpose of developing the area.
- (5) Accept grants or services from public or private sources.
- (6) Reduce litter in the area with the cooperation of private industry and organizations.
- (7) Hold public hearings.
- (8) Exercise all other powers necessary for the proper discharge of its functions.

(Adds R.S. 33:130.81–130.83)